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## What a Wonderful Change Mark (5:1-20)

We have sung it in church as long as we can remember. "What a wonderful change in my life..." Wrote by Rufus H. McDonald in 1914. Its happy and cheerful tune is a reflection of its glorious truth that the salvation that Christ Jesus brings in our lives is a wonderful miraculous marvelous change. A change from darkness to light, rebellion to consolation, from estrangement to embrace, from despair & despiration to hope life eternal. No scene would be more fitting for the scene before us to night. A man who in one moment in time went from reveling in

### I. The Sinners Requirement for Saving

Picture the scene, most likely coming off the boat in the dark, near the cemetery, when out of nowhere this his his sight comes haunding

A. Demonic bondage - immediately we find that the text describes the man as having an unclean or impure or demonic spirit. <sup>vs 1</sup> We find in verse 7-9 this demon speaking and even giving his name. Now the question is who

do you believe? Far too often we allegorize the scripture and whisk away that which is most every day ordinary. It has been said that disbelief in Satan is the first step toward dis belief in God. With the rise of

the prevalence of the occult we have seen along with it the rest of suicide, pornography, homosexuality. Sinner you may not be leaving your state. <sup>E phd</sup>

**B. Depraved Behaviour** - This demon central leads to depraved behaviour VS 3-5. Living making his home among the dead. We live in a culture of maniacs living in a culture of death. People losing all sense of decency cutting and branding them selves. This is the depraved violent self destructive behaviour we see around us every day in the news in the paper down the street. Sin + Satan has taken everything from this man.

His family, his life, is since Maniacs are not too hard to find <sup>that this is you you will</sup> and unless you agree <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~

## II. The Society's Rejection of the Sinner

There is a third character in our accent today, they represent the society around us today that reject the Lord Jesus. There are some applicable reasons that they <sup>reject</sup>

**A. They Wanted Control** - VS 3-4.

Notice that Society tried to tame this man. Society tries to control this raging sinful meanness. Can you hear the complaints: I wish they would do something. Society says we

- 1) Reveling in demonic depravity, to revealing a determined discipleship. Every person can encounter the changing power of God's salvation through Christ Jesus by realizing three facts taken out of this text. Notice first of all ...
- 2) Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

gospel of the Kingdom of God. Galatians 2:20-21 Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: he old things are passed away; and all things are become new. Now all things are made new.

for Jesus left a statement that was appropriate to the day of His ascension.

Jesus said, "I am come to bring good news to the world; but the gospel is to you first. Forasmuch as I have seen that you have been born of God; and the world hateth you because you are of God, and because I have told you that you were born of God, and that the world hateth you because you are of God, therefore you will know that you are of God; because I have told you that you were born of God."

Jesus knew what man's heart was like, and He foretold the world's attitude. He foretold that the world would not accept the truth of God's Word, and that God's Word would be rejected. He foretold that the world would not accept the truth of God's Word, and that God's Word would be rejected.

- 1) Jude 1:22-23 **And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.**

we can centre him and they try to him  
him - doesn't that what masonry say when  
confronted w/ christ. They don't want to give  
up central

**B. They Reject the Cost** - VS 11-17. The  
- deliverance of this man cost them  
something. These hogs were the lively  
blood of some farmers. And that price  
was just too high to pay. like the  
rich young ruler of MARK 10. Go and  
sell all. He walked away sad, closing  
loose of that qualifying sin what is  
keeping you from receiving Christ's salvation

**C. They Refuse to Care** - They cared  
more about the pigs than this man  
- you would think that they would  
have rejoiced but they didn't care.  
It is to unwilling to care. Many times  
we as the church of Christ reject the Savior  
in that we care more for our pet pigs than the  
lost souls around us. Such ~~is~~ <sup>sinful do you experience for your</sup>  
We are so detached and uncaring for each other

**III. The Saviour's Rule in Salvation**  
As always above all else we should  
see the powerful Servant of Jehovah  
in all his glory & majesty ruling  
over dreams and saving depraved lives.

**A. He Cast out Satanic Power** - VS 6-  
13. Society may have lost all hope  
for this man, yet as we will see in all

of the innumerable miracles of the Lord Jesus, man's exaltation is God's opportunity. These demons come and grovel at the feet of Jesus. They recognize him for who he <sup>actually</sup> is and show themselves subject to him.

### B. He Consented to Sodomy's Plea -

VS 17-18 Sodomy says we don't want you, we want you out of here we don't want you messing with our lines. What do we find from the Lord Jesus? He turns and walks away. Be careful what you wish for you just might get it. It's not ABC. Repeat after me. You will not be saved except he draw you. Better watch out.

### C. He Changed this Sinful Person

VS 15 - This encounter with Christ completely changed this man's life. This spitting, cursing, cutting and men was turned changed from the inside to the outside. VS 16-19 This is the true character of the believer in Christ. A desists to follow him. Jesus said the best way for you to follow me is to go and tell. <sup>and do</sup> already

IV. Closing - What a wonderful wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart. Tonight I did not only read this man's story but mine and yes saved. This is <sup>the</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>own</sup> <sup>story</sup>

- 1) ...watch waiting for a more convenient season. That season may never come again. Today If ye hear his voice, harden not your heart.